

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2021

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, February 1, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Member Jack Dodd, County Attorney Alan Wilson and County Auditor Jessica Secrease.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Dodd led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of January 19, 2021, regular meeting having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd, Commissioner Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

FOUR COUNTY 2020 ANNUAL REPORT:

Four County Vice President of Operations, Lisa Willis presented the Four County 2020 Annual Report. For 2020 1548 Howard County residents were serviced, resulted in 47,000 mental health and substance abuse services provided. As a comparison, 2019 total of 34,000 services provided. Four County continued to grow even in the midst of the pandemic, reaching more consumers and provided more services. Four County currently serves ten counties, Howard County ranks as there #2 in number of clients served and volume of services provided across the agency. School based services continue to occur in Kokomo School Corp and Excel Center. During 2020 they have added school-based services at Northwestern and Ivy Tech. Continued partnerships with community agencies, such as Probation, DCS, Work Release and Mental health Courts. As well as partnerships with Turning Point and other agencies. Four County has partnered with Sargent Place (Homeless Housing Facility in Kokomo, In) taking applications and opening the facility to serve those with substance abuse and chronically homeless populations.

COUNTY'S GATEWAY ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT:

Auditor Secrease submitted the contract from Hartman & Williams for approval. They will assist the Howard County Auditor's office in completing the County's 2021 Annual Financial Report, and assist with other accounting services requested on as needed basis. A motion was made by Commissioner Dodd to approve the contract with Hartman & Williams as presented, Commissioner Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PLAN COMMISSION:

Ordinance:

Planning Commissioner Greg Sheline submitted Ordinance No. 2021-BCCO-04(Case 1-CZ-21) rezoning of property located at 59 N. 950 E., from (RR) Rural Residential to (AC) Agricultural Commercial. There was a favorable recommendation by the board. There was no remonstrance.

With the rezoning of a new Ordinances requests having been heard, Commissioner Dodd, made a motion to approve Ordinance's 2021 - BCCO-04, as presented. Commissioner Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Planning Commissioner Greg Sheline submitted Ordinance No.2021-BCCO-05(Case 2-CZ-21) rezoning of property located at 7535 W. 00NS., from (AG) Agricultural to (AC) Agricultural Commercial. There was a favorable recommendation by the board. There was a remonstrance, but all was resolved.

With the rezoning of a new Ordinances requests having been heard, Commissioner Dodd, made a motion to approve Ordinance's 2021 - BCCO-05, as presented. Commissioner Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

100R Annual report:

Auditor Secrease, submitted the 100R Annual Report for the Commissioners records.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on January 29, 2021 in the amount of \$889,464.61 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid February 1st, 2021. in the amount of \$1,725,562.70 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Attorney Alan Wilson, submitted a credit card application for approval for Howard County's use thru Community First Bank with a limit of \$3,000.00. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to approve the application for the county credit card from Community First Bank with a limit of \$3000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wyman, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Brad Semon, located at 10954 E 100 S. Greentown, addressed the board regarding House Bill 1381. The House Bill 1381 as read is as follows, Indiana has a policy of home rule that grants counties, cities, and towns "all the powers that they need for the effective operation of government as to local affairs." (IC 36-1-3-2) For example, if a company wants to build hundreds of towering, noisy wind turbines in your community, they have to get permission from the local County Commissioners first. Mr. Semon ask the Commissioners to take the time to look at this House Bill 1381.

Commissioner Wyman thanked Superintendent Highway Department Amber Tolle and her crews for a nice job removing the snow over the weekend.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners
at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. on a motion
made by Commissioner Dodd , seconded by Commissioner Wyman, and carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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